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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed January 6, 2006, the period for response to which has been extended to May 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.